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**INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTS**



Ministry of
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Services

- Traffic Signs
- Picnic Tables
- Fire-retardant Mattresses
- Licence Plates
- Heavy-duty Institution Furniture

The items listed above are some of the products made by inmates in correctional facilities operated by the Ministry of Correctional Services of Ontario.

These and other items such as barbecue grills, campsite permit holders, fluorescent plant stands, library book carts, and snowmobile trail signs are for sale to various groups in the public sector including hospitals, school boards, provincial government ministries, municipal government, conservation authorities, recreational authorities, recreational associations, and major non-profit fund-raising groups.

The products are made in the industrial shop areas of several institutions and represent, at any one time, the work of 250 to 300 inmates working a five-day week under the supervision of qualified industrial officers.

This type of work program gives suitable inmates an opportunity to learn work skills that will help them to secure jobs on their return to the community; it teaches good work habits, which many inmates lack; and it develops in an individual a sense of self-worth which is often lacking in an inmate population.

By selling these products at a competitive market value, the Ministry is able to recover a large percentage of the monies expended on this particular type of inmate training. The returns to the community are manifold: offenders with new work skills are less likely to return to a criminal way of life; those with families can be expected to provide financial support; for some there is no longer a need to accept welfare benefits—as the offender accepts his responsibilities as a citizen, his positive contributions to the community multiply.

All items for sale are of good quality. Some products, such as bedside tables and combination wardrobe and bedside units, may be re-designed to suit the purchaser.

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